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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
(DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION)

**NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the January, 2014

S.O. (E). - In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Destructive Insects and Pests Act, 1914 (2 of 1914), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order further to amend the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003, namely:-

1. Short title and Commencement.- (1) This Order may be called the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2014.  
(2) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In Clause 4 of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) order, 2003, for Subclause (i) the following entries shall be substituted, namely:  
“(i) The consignment of soil, earth , sand and similar material may be permitted under the special conditions, additional declarations and for the purposes listed in the Schedule VI of this order.”
3. In Schedule VI of the said order for serial number 394, the following serial number and entries shall be substituted, namely:-

Sl.No	Plant Species	Category of plant material	Country of Origin	Additional declaration required to be incorporated into Phyto sanitary Certificate	Special conditions of import
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
"394	i. Soil	In any form (for research purpose)	Any country	Free from: insect pests, nematodes, microbes and quarantine weed seeds	(i)Dry heat at 121 <sup>0</sup> C (core temp.) for two hours or (ii)Steam heat (autoclave)at 121 <sup>0</sup> C for 30 minutes at 15 <i>psi</i>
	ii. Growing media (with soil, peat or other organic materials)	In any form (with or without plant)		Free from: insect pests, nematodes, microbes and quarantine weed seeds	Steam heat (autoclave)at 121 <sup>0</sup> C for 30 minutes at 15 <i>psi</i>
	iii. Sand	In any form (for non-agricultural purpose)		Free from: insect pests, nematodes, microbes, quarantine weed seeds and organic matter like plant debris etc.	Nil
	iv. Peat or Sphagnum moss	In any form		Free from: insect pests, nematodes, microbes, quarantine weed, soil	(i)Steam heat (autoclave)at 121 <sup>0</sup> C for 30 minutes at 15 <i>psi</i> (ii)Peat should be excavated beneath 2 meter from the surface.
	v. Similar material: Inorganic soil additives, Leonardite, Lignite,Pure sand (Silica, Zircon, Quartz,etc.,) Pure clay like kaolin etc., Rock	In any form (for industrial and non agricultural purpose)		Free from: Organic matter like plant debris etc.	Nil

	aggregates and Gravel, Volcanic pumice, Chalk, Salt, Diatomaceous earth, Iron ore, Vermiculite, Perlite, Gypsum, Zeolite etc.,				
	vi. Stone	Aggregated/dust (for non-agricultural purpose)	Nepal	Free from: Organic matter like plant debris etc.	Nil”

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(Utpal Kumar Singh)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

**Note :** The Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 was published in the Gazette of India, vide, number S.O. 1322 (E) dated 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2003, and subsequently amended vide number S.O.167(E), dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2004, S.O. 427(E), dated 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2004, S.O. 644(E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2004, S.O. 263(E), dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2005, S.O. 462 (E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005, S.O. 1121 (E), dated 14<sup>th</sup> July 2006, S.O. 1353 (E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> July 2006, S.O. 1873 (E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006, S.O. 2074 (E), dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006, S.O. 2069 (E), dated 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2007, S.O. 3(E), dated 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2007, S.O. 2847 (E), dated 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2008, S.O. 2888 (E), dated 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2008, S.O. 2286 (E), dated 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, S.O. 2390 (E), dated 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, S.O. 3269 (E), dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2009, S.O. 3298 (E), dated 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2009, S.O. 907 (E), dated 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2010, S.O. 2095(E), dated 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2010, S.O. 2284 (E), dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2010, S.O. 2516 (E), dated 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, S.O. 2711 (E) dated 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2010, S.O. 3052(E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2010, S.O. 887 (E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2011, S.O. No. 2845 (E) dated 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2011, S.O. No.296 (E) dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 and S.O. 2775(E) 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2012 S.O.799(E) dated 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013, S.O.1378(E) dated 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2013, S.O.1531(E) dated 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 and S.O.2919(E) dated 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2013.

To

The Manager,  
Government of India Press,  
Mayapuri, New Delhi.

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member of Agreement notifying : <b>INDIA</b>
2.	Agency responsible : <b>DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE &amp; COOPERATION MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA</b>
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national scheduled deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition where applicable): <b>Plants and Plant materials and other regulated articles as per Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) Order, 2003 and its Amendments.</b>
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <b>Listed trading partner countries, exporting Plants and Plant materials to India.</b>
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: <b>Title – Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2014.</b>  <b>Language – English</b> <b>Number of pages – 3</b>
6.	Description of content :  The Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2014 seeks to further liberalize provisions governing import of soil, earth, sand and similar material notified under Schedule VI of the above order. The details can be seen in the website <a href="http://www.agricoop.nic.in">www.agricoop.nic.in</a> (Circulars and Notifications – Plant Protection – WTO Notifications as Draft Plant Quarantine(Regulation of Import into India) (Second Amendment) Order, 2014 or can be obtained from the National Enquiry Point – <b>Ms. Anita Puri, Deputy Secretary, Plant Protection, Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 233, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23389714. E-mail : <a href="mailto:anita.puri@nic.in">anita.puri@nic.in</a></b>
7.	Objective and rationale : [ ] food safety, [ ] animal health, [✓] plant protection [ ✓ ] protect humans from animal/ plant pest or disease.

<p style="text-align: center;">[ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ] protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:  <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations.</p> <p>The contents of this notification are based on Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) conducted as per International Standards on Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM) Numbers 2 and 11 of International Plant Protection and Convention (IPPC) of FAO.</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENGLISH</b></p> </p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: <b>This draft notification is to be adopted on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.</b></p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force : <b>15<sup>th</sup> March, 2014. (Tentative)</b></p>
<p>12. Final date of comments : <b>10<sup>th</sup> March, 2014.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agency or authority designated to handle comments :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">National Enquiry Point – Ms. Anita Puri, Deputy Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 233, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23389714.E-mail : anita.puri@nic.in</p>
<p>13. Text available from :</p> <p>Website of the Plant Protection Division of the Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India viz. <a href="http://www.agricoop.nic.in">www.agricoop.nic.in</a> and <a href="http://www.plantquarantineindia.org">www.plantquarantineindia.org</a>  And  National Enquiry Point – Ms. Anita Puri, Deputy Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture &amp; Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, Room No. 233, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110011, INDIA. Tele/Fax : 91-11-23389714.E-mail : anita.puri@nic.in</p>

Government of India  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Department of Agriculture & Cooperation

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated : 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2014

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject : Notification to be made in the SPS Committee of WTO regarding Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Second Amendment), Order, 2014.

The undersigned is directed to enclose the text of the draft notification (in WTO format) of the draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Second Amendment), Order, 2014 proposing certain amendments to the phytosanitary requirements governing the import of soil, earth, sand and similar material into India.

2. It is requested that further necessary action to notify the same to the WTO Secretariat may be taken at the earliest and WTO notification number allotted by WTO Secretariat may please be intimated to this Department. The text of the notification containing the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Second Amendment), Order, 2014 will be available at [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in) under the Head "Circulars and Notifications" (Plant Quarantine Order and Amendments). " - Plant Protection - 'WTO Notification' as "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Second Amendment), Order, 2014.

3. This issues with the approval of Joint Secretary (Plant Protection), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation.

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( N.K. Sinha)

Under Secretary to the Government of India

Department of Commerce,  
Trade Policy Division,  
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Copy for information to :

1. Plant Protection Adviser, Dte. Of PPQ&S, Faridabad **enclosing herewith the text of the complete notification containing the draft 'Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Second Amendment), Order, 2014'** with the request to post the same at the website "plantquarantineindia.org".

2. Sh. D.D.K. Sharma, APPA(PQ), Dte. Of PPQ&S, Faridabad.

3. Sr. Tech. Director, NIC, R.No.349, Krishi Bhawan, **with the request to host the said draft notification as well as the WTO-SPS format on website [www.agricoop.nic.in](http://www.agricoop.nic.in) under the head "Circulars and Notifications" - Plant Protection - 'WTO Notification' as "Draft Plant Quarantine (Regulation of import into India) (Second Amendment), Order, 2014'(WTO Notification).**